

# Proposed Hydro Pump Storage Projects

## *Lorella*

Energy Storage Partners filed an application for a major license for a proposed hydroelectric pump storage project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in November of 1995. The proposed project consists of constructing an upper storage reservoir, a 24-foot diameter tunnel, a penstock, a powerhouse/pumpstation, a concrete tailrace tunnel, a lower storage reservoir, a 4-mile long transmission line, and 3 groundwater wells. The project is located near the town of Lorella (see figure 3) on lands administered by the BLM.

The FERC has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and made it available for public review. After public review of the final EIS, the FERC will make a decision on whether or not to issue the license. The BLM is acting as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS. Should the FERC decide to issue the license, the BLM would have to decide whether to grant whatever rights-of-way and/or easements may be necessary to locate the project on BLM-administered lands. The BLM will base that decision on the final EIS. Questions on this proposal should be directed to Tom Cottingham at 541-885-4135.

## *Bryant Mountain*

Bryant Mountain Hydroelectric Association received a preliminary permit from the FERC in June 1993 to study a proposed pump storage facility to be located partly on BLM-administered lands on Bryant Mountain, approximately three miles northeast of the town of Malin, Oregon. The project proponent failed to file its six-month progress report with the FERC earlier this year. After notifying the proponent and allowing additional time to file the required report, the FERC cancelled the preliminary permit on June 18, 1996, to be effective within 30 days. However, the FERC announced in August that a new preliminary permit had been filed on July 19, 1996, by United Power Corporation for essentially the same project proposal.

## Jobs-in-the-Woods Program

The Jobs-in-the-Woods Program is a multi-agency program established within the 1994 Department of Interior Appropriation Bill to restore the health of Key Watersheds within the area of the Northwest Forest Plan and to help communities, businesses, and the workforce affected by declining timber harvest to transition to new work opportunities associated with ecosystem management and restoration. Several projects have been implemented or completed within the resource area under this program and are so noted in the "Plan Implementation Summary" section that follows.

## *Plan Implementation Summary for FY95 and Work Planned for FY96*

## Introduction

This section provides a general overview of the Klamath Falls Resource Area's natural resource management programs. Program descriptions are followed by the major accomplishments from FY95. A listing of the